Proposal for setting up low-powered Radio Broadcasting Stations

2955. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals from universities, educational institutions or NGOs to set up low-powered or other radio broadcast stations for educational or development purpose;

(b) if so, the details of proposals received in each case indicating the names of parties involved and when was the proposal received;

(c) whether Government have accepted or rejected these proposals; and

(d) the policy of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Deletion of Educational Programmes on DD Channel

2956. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of educational programmes that are being telecast on the DD Channel;

(b) whether it is a fact that the DD is proposing to shelve the UGC and IGNOU educational programmes on its channels; and

(c) if so, the reasons for deleting those programmes.

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) The details are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) It has been intimated by Prasar Bharati that Doordarshan has undertaken a restructuring exercise of its programming on DD National Channel, with a view to meeting its mandate as a Public Service Broadcaster and to ensure that it is in a position to generate revenue to gradually become self-supporting. They are, discussing with the Ministry of Human Resource Development, the future telecast arrangements of educational programmes of "Gyan-Darshan" Channel, produced by various agencies like UGC, IGNOU, CIET etc. No final decision has been taken as yet.

Statement

Programmes being telecast on Primary Channel (DD-I Network) and simulcast on Gyan Darshan

No.	Timings	Programmes	Duration	Days	Total Hrs.
1.	05.45-06.00 a.m.	CIET/Nos. Prog. Sr. Sec. School Hindi and English	15 mts.	Mon. to Sun.	1 Hr. 45 mts.
2.	06.00-06.30 a.m.	UGC/CEC Prog. C.W.C.R. Higher Education. Hindi and English	30 mts.	Every Day	3 Hr. 30 mts.
3.	06.30-07.00 a.m.	IGNOU Prog. Distance Education Hindi and English	30 mts.	Every Day	3 Hr. 30 mts.
4.	09.30-10.00 a.m.	UGC/CEC Prog. (C.W.C.R.- English only)	30 mts.	Mon. to Thur.	2 Hr. 00 mts.
5.	10.00-10.30 a.m.	TARANG:CIET NOS. prog. For Sr. Sec. Level Hindi & English	30 mts.	Mon to Fri.	2 Hr. 30 mts.
6.	10.30-11.00 a.m.	ETV Prog. SIET*/ CIET School Level (Regional Language)	30 mts.	Mon to Fri	2 Hr. 30 mts.
NATIONAL LITERACY MISSION PROGRAMMES:—					
7.	9.30-10.00 a.m.	Adult Education and Literacy Mission Prog. Education (In Hindi only) By Directorate of Adult Education	30 mts.	Only on Fri. (Alternately)	30 mts.

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CIET: CENTRAL INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY
NOS: NATIONAL OPEN SCHOOL
UGC: UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
CEC: CONSORTIUM FOR EDUCATIONAL COMMUNICATION
CWCR: COUNTRY WIDE CLASS ROOM
IGNOU: INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY
SIET: STATE INSTITUTES FOR EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

*Regional Language Programmes by SIET
Telecast in Marathi, Gujarati, Oriya, Tamil
Telugu and Hindi from regional Kendras on DD-I
Telecast Time 10.30 am to 11.00 am